

**BIO GRO'S SUGGESTED ALTERNATIVE TO
PROPOSED REGULATION OF NEW SEWAGE TREATMENT
FACILITIES AND AREAS FOR DISPOSAL OF
SEWAGE EFFLUENT AND SEWAGE SLUDGE**

Title 14, California Code of Regulations, Chapter 3

Section 20030. New sewage treatment facilities(including storage treatment ponds) and areas for disposal of sewage effluent and sewage sludge shall not be located within the Delta Primary Zone. However, this section shall not prohibit the properly regulated beneficial re-use of biosolids (treated sewage sludge) as a fertilizing material. Biosolids may be applied to land within the Delta Primary Zone under the following conditions:

(a) Biosolids shall comply with all requirements set forth in 40 CFR Part 503 regarding beneficial re-use, and shall also comply with the labelling requirements of the California Department of Food and Agriculture for fertilizer material.

(b) Biosolids may only be applied to lands within the Delta Primary Zone upon the issuance of and in accordance with permits issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board and/or by the appropriate local government agency with jurisdiction over beneficial re-use projects.

(c) Permits issued for the application of biosolids within the Delta Primary Zone shall take into consideration the unique aspects of the Delta, and shall include provisions to protect public health, groundwater and surface water. Specific concerns of the Delta which shall be considered include, but are not limited to, high salinity levels, high water table, and the presence of highly organic soils.